

## Effective Close Reading

You are putting your **thoughts, your inner voice**, on paper; annotating. What are you thinking while you are reading?

Show your understanding and comprehension by annotating showing the following:

- This means...
- This story is about (summarize)...
- Clarifying words/phrases; circle new/unknown, strong or repetitive vocabulary
- To summarize/in short/basically...
- Write a reaction to the text; '!' for powerful or new information, '?' for unclear/confusion or why

Show you can connect what you are reading by annotating as follows (text/text, text/self, text/world):

- This relates to...
- I agree/disagree (opinion) because...
- This reminds me of...
- I read about/saw this...
- I have experienced/seen/heard/know about...

Show your insight and critical thinking skills by annotating the following:

- The author believes...
- I think the author...
- This article **doesn't** say...
- Ask questions; challenge the author's point of view, accuracy; challenge the statistics, research
- Predict what you think might happen next...